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SWE drive gives to families in need

JASON DANANY
Copy Editor

As the frigidness of winter arrives, the Society of Women Engineers plans to add warmth to the lives of homeless women and children in Northwest Indiana.

A clothing and household appliance drive, sponsored by the SWE, will be held Saturday in the Potter parking lot. All donated items will go to The Ark program in Gary.

The Ark program provides homeless mothers and their children with temporary housing situations for up to two years. The program helps families who experience problems such as abuse or other situations that become too severe to settle in a short period of time. Each family receives a two-bedroom apartment and food upon arrival into the program.

Through this initial help, The Ark aims to get these unstable families into a situation that can be healthy for everyone in the family. The program aims at getting these "families back on their feet" by providing job training to mothers in the program.

The SWE became involved in contributing clothes and household appliances in 1995.

Genevieve Vansteeg, co-chair of community services for the SWE, said the SWE selected the program because the mission statement of the society and the program hold many similarities.

"The SWE believes in encouraging women to achieve their full potential in their careers and become leaders. The Ark program aims at doing the same thing with the women who are in the program," Vansteeg said.

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Genevieve Vansteeg, SWE co-chair

She believes that these clothing drives have become so successful because students and faculty can

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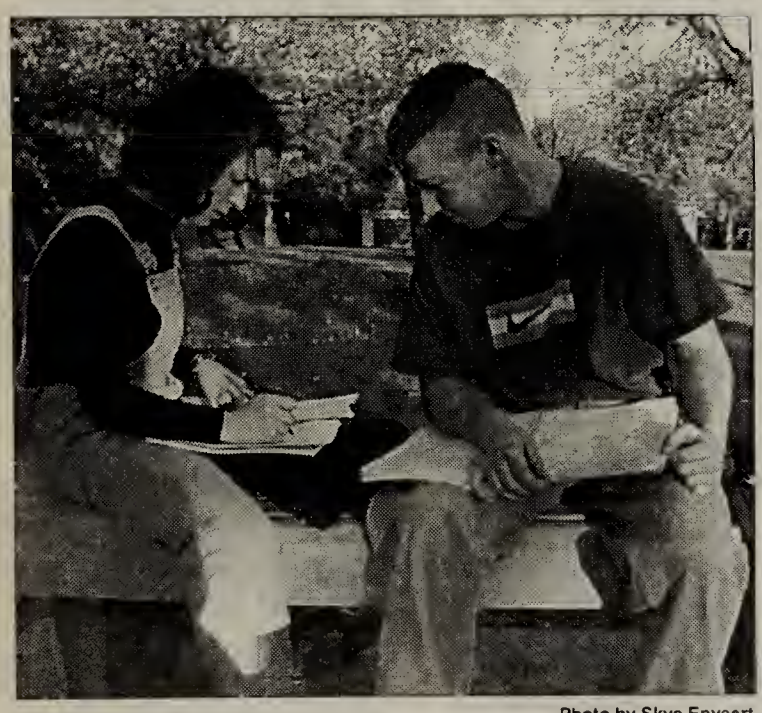
Professors receive awards from university

Photo provided by University Relations

Chancellor James Yackel presents Associate Professor of Mechanical Engineering Chenn Qian Zhou with the Outstanding Teacher Award and Outstanding Scholar Award for 1998-99. Harry Lepinske (right), coordinator of International Business Development Programs and director of the university's Center for International Research and Education, received the Outstanding Faculty Service Award for 1998-99.

Getting ready for midterms



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Jillian Dunn, a freshman with an undecided major, and Jon Ostrom, a sophomore in sociology, spend an unusually warm Thursday in October studying for midterms in Founder's Plaza. Many students spent time outside last week, taking advantage of the warmer weather.

Annual APSAC book drive benefits community children

JADE LEE CULBERSON
Staff Writer

The Administration and Professional Staff Advisory Committee is sponsoring a book drive from Nov. 1 to Dec. 3.

This is the third annual Holiday Book Drive sponsored by the committee.

According to Kimberly Trajkovski, a counselor in Student Support Services and co-chairperson of the book drive, the APSAC started the drive because it wanted to do something community-oriented and tie it in with learning. She said books are a relatively inexpensive and invaluable gift, and that is how they came up with the idea of a book drive for children.

"We were looking to involve the campus community and the outside community."
Kathleen Pucalik, book drive co-chairwoman

"We were looking to involve the campus community and the outside community," said Kathleen Pucalik, coordinator of publicity for University Relations and co-chairwoman of the book drive.

The success rate of the book drive in the last two years has been high. More than 150 children received the book they wanted. This year there are 258 children on the list, and many of the staff signed up in June to ensure they receive gift tags.

Each year the book drive collects books for a different organization in order to give them to preschool children as a way to give the gift of learning. This year they are collecting for the Hammond Headstart program, which has eight different sites.

Someone within the chosen preschool is responsible to find out from each child what book they would like to receive. The choices are then posted on gift tags on a large snowman in the PUC bookstore.

Staff and students are then able to purchase one of these books, which are available at the bookstore at a 20 percent discount. The purchaser is then responsible for wrapping the book and returning it to the information desk or Student Support Services.

During the week of Dec. 13, a group of APSAC staff and students will take the books to the eight sites and hand them out to the children.

Mayoral candidates visit campus

ANDREW DURNING
Staff Writer

A pulpit for change, the mayoral race for Hammond, is fought at PUC.

Republican Mayor Duane Dedelow was absent to represent and argue the issues concerning his constituency. Libertarian Max Robinson and Democrat Tom Philpot did not resist the opportunity to identify the issues and beliefs that would make them the best choice for the citizens of Hammond.

Hosted by Pi Sigma Alpha and the National Political Science Honor Society in Alumni Hall last Tuesday, each candidate was asked a series of questions regarding current issues that concern the city of Hammond.

Philpot described himself as a "public servant" who wishes to re-establish the fundamentals of responsible government, a governing body designed to "serve and protect its citizens."

Robinson said the city could work with PUC to

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A free discussion of "A New Theory of Natural Rights" will be on Thursday at 7 p.m. in SFLC-301.

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE

'Dedicated to performance excellence...'

By its mission statement, Purdue Calumet's Administrative Services unit–the campus' business, facilities, computing support and human resource arm–"is dedicated to performance excellence..."

In response to a 1996 Chancellor's directive, Administrative Services embarked on a quality assessment initiative that has come to be known around campus as E^2=Q (Exceeding expectations equals quality).

In determining how effectively Administrative Services serves the campus community, the unit surveyed faculty, staff and students earlier this year. This week's ***Administrative Update*** focuses on response to the student survey. Of 1,500 surveys mailed randomly to students' homes, 309 were completed and returned.

The survey consisted of 34 questions. Each question was derived from one of the seven categories listed below:

Bookstore, Bursar, CTIS (Computing, Technology & Information Services), Dining Services, Facilities Maintenance, Operations and Utilities, Event Scheduling, and University Police

Following is a summary of the student feedback.

What pleases students:

- personable, caring and helpful faculty & staff
- clean and well-maintained campus facilities and grounds
- safe and secure campus environment in which to learn
- availability of various tuition/fee payment plans and options
- courses offered at off-campus locations
- opportunity/availability for student jobs

What students indicate needs improvement:

- classroom comfort relative to temperature
- *accuracy and timeliness of financial aid/tuition refunds*
- communication of parking rules and regulations
- more training and staffing available in the computing labs
- more computers and printers in labs
- better bookstore pricing practices–especially relative to buying back used texts
- student job compensation

In response...

Vice Chancellor for Administrative Services Gary Newsom indicated he is "pleasantly surprised" with the student feedback.

"The survey indicated that, generally speaking, students feel our bookstore provides a good level of inventory and our food service is good," he said. "The buy-back policy of our Follett's Campus Shop was cited as a concern, and we'll discuss that with Follett's, though I'm not sure what can be done, since the university contracts book store service.

"I'm also pleased that our campus–indoors and outdoors–is perceived as being safe and secure with adequate lighting and visible police presence; that our grounds and facilities are well thought of; that students feel appreciative of job-related opportunities on campus and the value they perceive those opportunities hold for them down the road; and that our people, for the most part, feel they are treated well on campus."

Continuing, he said, "We are challenged by the obsolete heating and cooling system on campus and how that affects comfort in our classrooms. While the survey indicated students are reasonably pleased with the quality of parking facilities, they indicated that we need to do a better job of communicating key information and rules about campus parking. We're also challenged to make sure we are market-compatible with what we pay student workers."

Newsom also indicated that while all areas of concern cited on the survey will be investigated, "we can't do everything that everybody wants. We'll address the 'vital few'–those that affect the most people."

Ultimately, he said, Administrative Services' goal is to strive continuously for improvement. "What's good enough today, won't be good enough tomorrow," he said. "When it comes to serving the campus and its people, our initiative is continuous; we're never going to be satisfied."

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At a glance

around campus

Psi Chi and Psychology Club meetings

These clubs will meet at 4 p.m. Thursday in Gyte-123 to plan social, seasonal and educational events. Prospective members are welcome. For more information, call (219) 663-8295.

Book discussion series

The Hammond Public Library will host discussions of the following books:

* Nov. 5: "Summer of my German Soldier," Betty Greene
* Nov. 19: "Goodnight, Mr. Tom," Michelle Magorian

Discussions will be led by Barbara Goodman, Ph.D., assistant professor of literature at Calumet College of St. Joseph. Sessions will be held at the E. B. Hayward Branch and 1212 172nd St. and will begin at 10:30 a.m. To register or for more information, call (219) 844-2668.

Clothing drive

The PUC chapter of the Society of Women Engineers will hold a clothing drive for the Ark Shelter for Homeless Women & Children from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday in the PUC 169th St. parking lot.

The shelter is in need of household items such as towels, pots and pans. E-mail vanstegl@axp.calumet.purdue.edu or huchel@hotmail.com.

Pride Alliance meeting

The Pride Alliance, a networking organization for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and straight students, will *meet at 6 p.m. Sunday in CLO-340.* For more information, e-mail pridally@axp.calumet.purdue.edu.

Pachanga (Get Together)

Los Latinos invites everyone to the first northwest Indiana Pachanga with events scheduled through March:

* Fine Arts, Literature & Photography Contest. The exhibition will be open from Nov. 8 to Dec. 15. The exhibit reception starts at 6 p.m. Nov. 11 at IUN Gallery.
* Eleventh Annual NWI Hispanic Coordinating Council Conference, including a series of workshops regarding Hispanic issues. 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Nov. 6 at the IUN Library Conference Center.

For more information, call Roxanne M. Geraci at (219) 980-6686.

Sigma Tau Delta/English Society

The society will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 10, in CLO-263 view the movie "Gung Ho" and to discuss the short story "Bartleby, the Scrivener: A Tale of Wall Street." Everyone is welcome to discuss these "texts" about work. For more information, call Colette Morrow at Ext. 2256 or Bill Macauley at Ext. 2655.

International films

View films from other cultures in the Fall 1999 International Film Series in CLO-110.

* "Farewell My Concubine," 4 p.m. Thursday, Nov 11; Chinese with English subtitles
* "Il Postino," 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 1; Italian with English subtitles

Admission is free. All are welcome. For more information, call Nancy Tilka at Ext. 2123.

Sigma Gamma Rho sorority

All are invited to an informal interest meeting of the sorority from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 14, in SFLC-321.

Chili Challenge

The Biology/Chemistry Club will host its third annual chili challenge starting at 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 21, at Wicker Park.

Biology curriculum assistance

Find out which electives are important, what biologists do and where to find a job in the field of biology at 1 p.m. Monday, Nov. 25, in GYTE-121. Advice about early registration will be provided.

Chemistry curriculum assistance

Find out which electives are important, what chemists do and how to optimize your college experience at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 26, in GYTE-121. Advice about early registration will be provided.

Teach aerobics at the TFC

The Total Fitness Center is looking for aerobics instructors to teach some aerobics classes. Flexible hours, certification preferred but will train. Contact Tina at 989-2175.

Quote of the week

'A great flame follows a little spark.'

-Dante Alighieri
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SGA seeks senatorial bids

JASON DANANAY
Copy Editor

Students who missed the chances to have a voice in the SGA this year have another chance.

The SGA anounced the opening of five senatorial positions this last week. These positions opened because some elected senators declined their positions.

Students who would like to apply for a senatorial seat must fulfill certain requirements.

First of all, students should have a 2.5 GPA. Students must also be able to commit to spending at least two hours a week in the SGA office as well as attend all SGA meetings.

Most importantly, students must also hold a genuine interest in helping students communicate with the concerns involving administration, Lorrell Kilpatrick, vice president of legislation, said.

Senators should be opinionated, confident, strong willed and honest, Kilpatrick said.

Senatorial positions will be decided by the SGA members at 11:30 a.m. Senatorial candidates will answer questions based on the applications they submitted. Senatorial candidates will also have an opportunity to ask SGA members about the SGA and the job requirements of a senator. The SGA will then vote on the senatorial candidates in a closed-door session.

"Students should get involved in the SGA because it allows them to make their voices heard."
Tim Piniak,
Vice president of finance

Kilpatrick believes that a senatorial position in the SGA provides students with a strong voice in school decisions such as implementing new programs and budget decisions.

"It is so important to get involved. If you talk to anyone, they can tell you 10 things they don't like about PUC. If you ask them what they want to do to make it better, that's where the challenge is," Kilpatrick said.

Tim Piniak, vice president of finance, believes that these senate position openings offer students a great opportunity to make changes to benefit the university.

"Students should get involved in the SGA because it allows them to make their voices heard. By making these important decisions, students can make PUC a brighter place to spend their academic careers," Piniak said.

Interested students can pick up an application in the Student Leadership Development office. Applications for SGA senate positions must be received in the SGA office or the Student Leadership Development office on Nov. 8 by 7 p.m. Students with questions can call the SGA office at 989-2394.

Department of education recalls financial aid forms

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Talk about a big, resounding "Oops!"

The U.S. Education Department is recalling millions, that's right millions, of student-aid applications already distributed to colleges nationwide after discovering some mistakes on the forms in October.

Most of the errors, spotted by college aid administrators who alerted the department-are on pages detailing where applicants should enter particular financial data.

Errors were found on pages instructing applicants where to list tax information and information about payments applicants may have made to tax-deferred pension and savings plans.

Mistakes also were spotted on forms people applying via telephone must complete and submit to the department.

The recall is expected to be a major nuisance to many colleges, which included the aid applications in admissions packets already sent to prospective students.

The mistakes are perhaps also embarrassing to Greg Woods, chief operating officer of the department's Office of Student Financial Assistance. Woods landed the job last year after Congress found major problems in student-aid delivery and stripped many of the department's heads of their responsibilities overseeing aid programs.

Woods, touted as an executive with expertise in financial management, was hired to run the office's delivery systems.

Old Town School of Folk Music brings rap, urban style into class

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Anacron reads a rap he wrote during an exercise on putting thoughts to music. He teaches a course in rap at the Old Town School of Folk Music in Chicago.

It's a beautiful Sunday afternoon and a group of three white students sit gathered around their African-American teacher in a small sunny room at the Old Town School of Folk Music.

It's a generally laid-back room, but this exercise creates a certain Jeopardy-like tension as the students compose a rhyme against the ticking clock of music.

As the beat winds down, the slim, coffee-dreadlocked teacher, who goes by the single name Anacron, asks, "Is everybody cool?" They indicate that they are ready to go.

The beat kicks in again. Fifteen-year-old Jonah "J4Play" Bondurant begins the rhyme circle with his composition, which starts: "Watch me penetrate the senses ... chemical imbalances ..." His rap style rides the beat with complicated cadences and a slight gangsta accent.

"I think that folk music is somerthing that goes along with any group of people who have been established as a culture."
Anacron,
rap teacher

Wrapping up his rhyme by repeating the last line, the lanky Lane Tech junior kicks it to Anacron, who begins, "This week's topic is performing live/Including the nutritional facts without the excess jive/To survive on the stage is an astounding feat in itself/You must be live to engage a pounding beat upon the shelf. ..."

Next up is Tisa "The Tisanator" Batcheldi, who wears combat boots, leggings, a dress and a sweater. She raps softly in a smooth stream and then hands the invisible mike to Cece, a day trader/aspiring singer/songwriter. Cece "Shimmy" Page, a blond in conservative dress, improvises an intro to her rhythmic rap.

If a formal class based around rap sounds unusual, that's because it is. The Old Town School even conjectures that it may be the first of its kind.

"That has been the mission of a lot of people here, but there haven't been many contacts with contemporary urban folk practitioners," says Old Town adult program associate and rap student Ari "Just" Frede.

When Frede was looking for a rap and break-dancing teacher, McClaren introduced him to Anacron. The 23-year-old underground rapper moved here from Los Angeles four years ago and has been rapping, producing, bartending and poetry slamming ever since.

Some may have a hard time thinking of rap (which is incidently about 25 years old) as folk music, but Anacron thinks it's about as folkie as music gets.

"I think that folk music is something that goes along with any group of people who have been established as a culture," says Anacron.

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Class options good, greater frequency necessary

As the enrollment rises along with the number of credit hours students take, the class listings stayed virtually unchanged from past years.

In scenarios like this, students don't fear change, they welcome it.

Although PUC has developed a new Yoga class and a few new foreign language classes, courses needed to fulfill degree requirements are only offered as one class, one time a year. Students are forced to strategically map out their schedules a year or more in advance.

Introduction English courses take up nearly a page of the scheduling book this semester. This number of classes is understandable because everyone needs an introductory English course. What is not understandable is that 50 students are fighting for a space in a 400 level class with only 20 seats available. Half of these students cannot take the class anyway because of work or internships. Not every full time worker works a nine to five job. Convenient night classes become not so convenient for many students. This may be the university's way of cutting down those 50 students to just have enough for the 20 students left.

Giving professors more classes seems to be the answer, but it's not. The salaries of most professors encourage them not to pick up another class but to pick up a part time job. If professors were forced to take another class, it would cut into the time they have allowed for class preparation, causing professors and students to suffer. It is like a double-edged sword, students get cut either way.

Within this complicated issue lies a simple solution. Let's actually provide professors with incentives to teach at PUC. Professors could be enticed by competitive salaries and consistent tenure policies that other local universities have. More professors equals a variety of classes as well as more classes of the existing courses.

Students taking a variety of classes to expand their mind while being able to fulfill their graduation requirements sounds like a real university. That sounds like a university that wants to grow—not just in enrollment statistics.

Anyone that has dealt with change realizes that it happens very slowly. Complaining to other students about scheduling and class availability is not enough, besides it has been done before to no avail. Students wanting that 400 level biology class should talk to the department head. If students want to take a pottery class, talk to Sandra Singer and tell her to fire up the kiln. This will give students something to do while waiting for the university to offer that one core class, for their degree, that is only offered everyone once a year.

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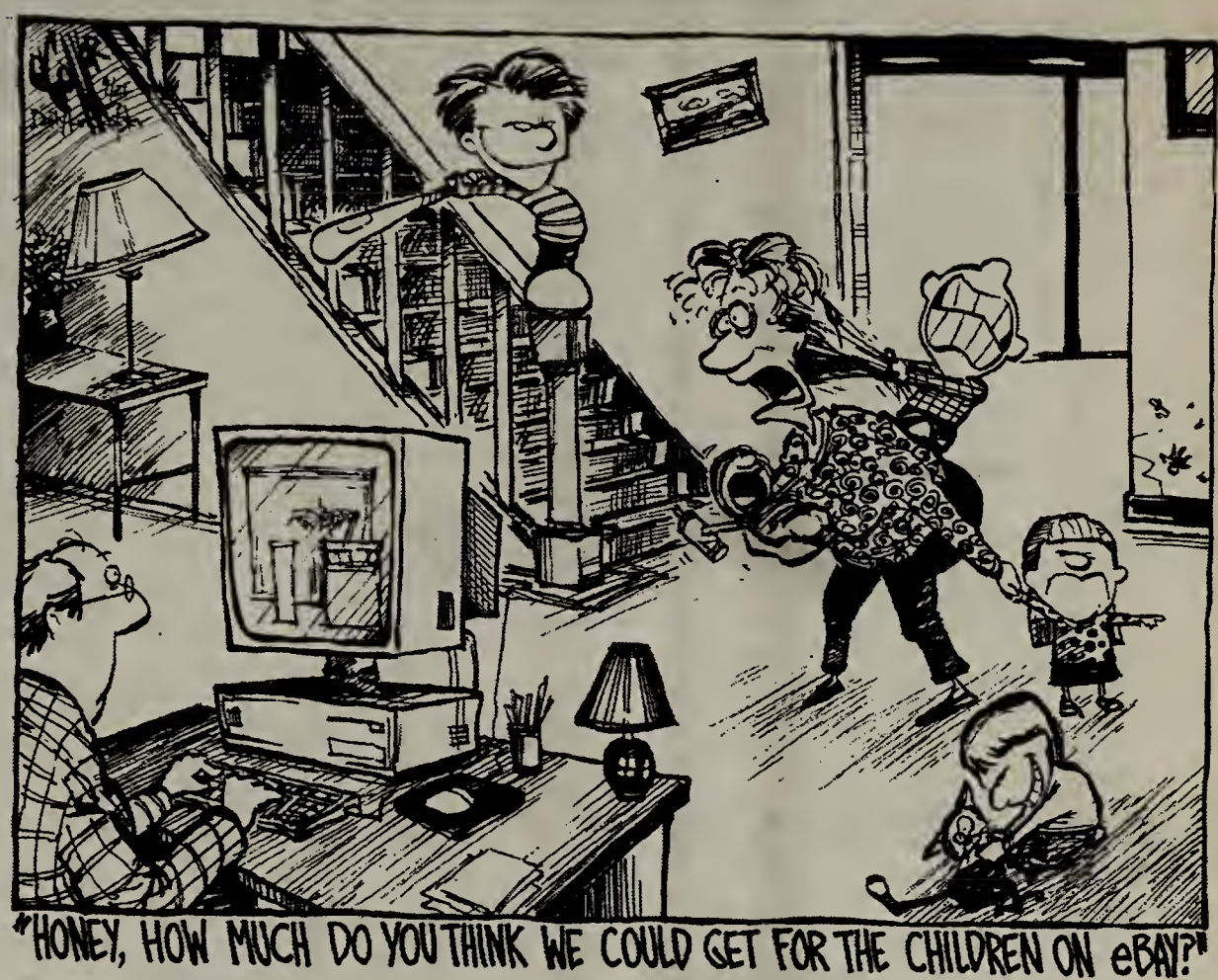


Letter to the editor

Where is the respect?

Dear Editor:

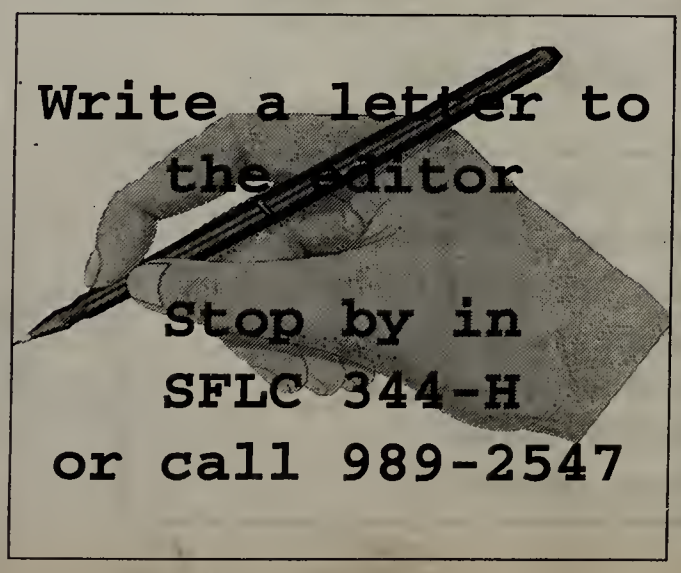
At the beginning of the semester, one of my colleagues asked me to assist with the SubUrban Theater. Being a theater performance professional, I was happy to provide any support for the arts on campus. I met with the head of the SubUrban Theater and was told that my input was not expected nor requested. I was told that my mere signature would keep the organization afloat. My magnanimous gesture has resulted in a series of newspaper articles which personally insult me since the theater company has folded due to lack of leadership. I have been characterized by your newspaper as a "paper signer," and "an individual less involved than the former adviser." For me, this presents a picture of someone who sits on her derriere smoking a cigar and saying, "I don't care about students or their organizations." And as this villainous individual laughs, she checks her grade book, full of glee at the thought of student failure.

Let me make this perfectly clear. I only consented to sign this series of papers as a favor to this organization. It was made plenty clear to me by the members of this organization that my input was not, I repeat, was not requested. I would have been more than generous with my time and energy if the SubUrban Theater asked for my assistance.

We have fallen on very sad times when students feel like they can undermine the credentials and reputations of professionals. Where is the respect?

P.S. Any striving journalist worth his/her weight knows that a front-page article that serves the needs of a small group of individuals is not front-page newsworthy.

Theresa Carilli
Professor, Communication and Creative Arts



The People speak

Question of the Week: What is one class that is not offered that you would like to see added?

Adam Tennione
freshman, business
"I want enough classes to make up a theatre major...because it is what I want to do."

Mimi Radjevic
freshman, communication
"Serbian/Macedonian class... they need more diversity and more opportunities with languages."

Rafael Delgado
sophomore, psychology
"Sign language...it would be a good stretch from the norm."

Rachel Mestrovich
junior, sec. education
"Belly dancing... it is a cleansing form of dance that more people should take advantage of."

Efrain Alvarez
junior, television/radio
"Theatrical comedy...I see too many people walking around with negative attitudes. I would hope that it would inspire people to be happier."

Zack Kosenka
freshman, business
"Car detailing...Most people have cars, they should be taken care of."

College campuses can be creepy, haunted places

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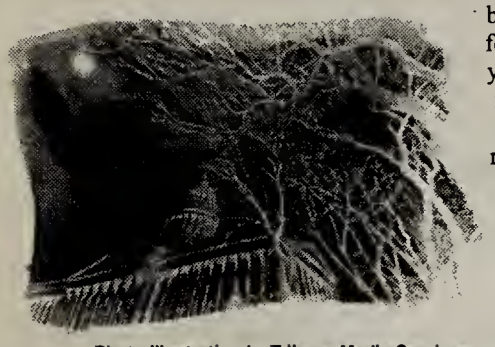
Let's face it — college can be a scary place.

Students have to worry about flunking out of school, running out of money and catching those pesky sexually transmitted diseases. Throw a few unhappy ghosts into the mix and college can be a downright frightening experience.

"There's just so much going on in college buildings when you think about their history, not to mention some of the high anxieties people have when they're in school," says Richard Crowe, a supernatural phenomena expert based in Chicago.



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"Ghosts can thrive on those anxieties. They can tap into the worries that people have."

Still, Crowe says most ghosts just want to be noticed.

"If people pay attention to them and let them co-exist, they're usually fine," Crowe says.

"The problems sometimes start when people try to deny that they exist in the first place."

Students may be welcoming ghosts without even realizing it.

Dennis William Hauck, a paranormal phenomena expert, says university settings are the perfect place for ghosts to exist.

"Usually, behind a lot of hauntings and ghost cases are emotions," says Hauck, author of "The National Directory of Haunted Places."

"Since there are so many pressures on students both in and out of the classroom, it's understandable that emotions run high. And ghosts feed on those emotions."

So the next time you hear something go bump in the night — and youu're sure your roommate isn't home yet — you can take some solace in the fact that when it comes to creepy campuses, you-u're not alone. For years, students at Mansfield University in Mansfield, Pa. have maintained that North Hall is haunted by Sarah, the ghost of a student who allegedly committed suicide by leaping over a railing through an open atrium in the building. According to legend, Sarah killed herself because of love gone wrong.

The building, built in 1874, has been vacant for many years, giving Sarah plenty of room to roam.

Mansfield students say they sometimes see Sarah in the windows of the building's top floor, supposedly looking for her former lover.

Students at Stonehill College in North Easton, Mass., have reported seeing the ghost of Freddie Ames roaming the campus. Ames, the original owner of the property, died in a plane crash in the 1930s.

According to legend, Ames instructed his servant to light the runway on his property at night while he was away flying, but the servant forgot. When Ames came in for a landing, the only light he saw was a lamp on the third floor of his mansion. Mistaking that for the runway, the pilot crashed to his death. Now whenever there is a blue mist from the pond on campus, it is believed that Ames is looking for his forgetful servant.

"Usually, behind a lot of hauntings and ghost cases are emotions."
Dennis William Hauck, author

At the University of Illinois, students have some blue mist of their own, often telling tales of "The Blue Man," the ghost of a man who allegedly hanged himself from a tree in a cemetery just outside of campus. Students say that on nights with a full moon, they swear they see a ghost emitting an eerie blue light. Back on campus, the ghost of a former student who committed suicide supposedly haunts the English Building. Rumor has it the girl succumbed to the pressure of academics and has set her sights on present-day strict professors for retaliation.

The Joe E. Brown and Eva Marie Saint Theater at Bowling Green State University in Ohio is haunted by Alice, an actress who reportedly was killed on-stage while playing Desdemona in Shakespeare's Othello. Alice often interferes with the theater department's performances by shorting out the lighting and scattering the props, but only if she isn't personally invited to the performance. So after the final dress rehearsal of each production, the director heads to the stage, where he or she invites the spirit to be the department's guest. If asked, the actress always obliges, and the shows run without any problems.

Before the school moved into a new facility, the ghost of a former professor once roamed the halls of VanderCook College of Music at night in Chicago. One of the school's first instructors, H.E. Nutt, died of old age after spending the final years of his life living in the school. Nutt would give lessons at all hours, accommodating students who wished to take their lessons well after midnight.

Student-employees who had been in the building after hours to clean reported hearing drawers shutting, chairs moving and doors slamming when there is no one else in the building. On some instances, students heard string quartets practicing at 2:00 a.m. when no one was there.

PUC police beat 10/18/99 - 10/24/99

Friday, Oct. 22 1:30 p.m. A staff member reported an attempted theft of a circuit board from a copier in Porter Hall. There was damage to the circuit board cover.

Friday, Oct. 22 1 p.m. A staff member reported the theft over a three-month period of credit cards from an office file cabinet in Lawshe.

Thursday, Oct. 21 10:44 p.m. PUC police received a second anonymous threat from a male caller. The call is believed to be from the same caller who called earlier in the day. The call was slurred and unintelligible.

Thursday, Oct. 21 7:33 p.m. An unconscious female was found in a restroom in the CLO building. The victim was found drifting in and out of consciousness. The girl's father was notified and she was taken to St. Margaret's Hospital by the Hammond Fire Department ambulance.

Thursday, Oct. 21 6:36 p.m. PUC police received an anonymous bomb threat from a male caller. The message was garbled and unintelligible and the caller hung up.

Tuesday, Oct. 19 3:45 p.m. A student reported his sweater stolen from his unlocked locker in the PER building. PUC police questioned a suspect two days later. The suspect admitted to stealing the sweater and later returned it to the owner.

Monday, Oct. 18 2:10 p.m. A staff member reported that two students were arguing and acting disorderly in the enrollment service center. PUC police confronted the students and gave them a warning.

Monday, Oct. 18 7:30 a.m. Information was given to the PUC police department about an off campus threat incident directed at two PUC students.

Razor blade-filled letters linked to animal rights activists

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They tucked razor blades into envelopes, angled to slice the recipients' fingers upon opening. They call themselves the Justice Department, and five Harvard professors have recently received their letters.

The group is involved in the animal rights movement and, according to "The Boston Globe," has sent out booby-trapped letters to scientists at Harvard University and 70 researchers across the country-all of whom test medical treatments on primates in the search for cures to AIDS, cancer, and other diseases. Enclosed in the bladed envelopes were short letters, threatening violence if primates were not released.

One letter said, "You have been targeted and you have until autumn of 2000 to release all of your primate captives and get out of the vivisection industry. If you do not heed our warning, your violence will be turned back upon you."

Since Oct. 25, five Harvard professors who have received the letters have turned them over to campus police. Only one professor opened the letter, but he was not cut by the blades inside, officials said.

Clothes

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see their donations being put to use.

"This clothing is going right back into the community to help those who do not have all the clothes that we are fortunate enough to have," Vansteeg said.

Leticia Soto, treasurer of the SWE, believes that the holiday season becomes the perfect opportunity for students to take an interest in helping those who are less fortunate.

"This time of year it just feels so good to give to those who go without. An old coat that is worn and out of style may be garbage to you, but it means so much to someone that doesn't have a coat," Soto said.

Chenn Zhou, assistant professor of mechanical engineering and adviser of the SWE, witnessed the clothing drive grow into a major success. Last year trucks and vans had to be used to take the clothing to The Ark program, Zhou said.

Renitta Stout, director of the Ark program in Gary, believes that people get the wrong impression of homeless people.

"Most people think that homeless people are lazy. The truth is that they are falling through the cracks.

They can't scrape up enough to pay the rent and raise children, but the landlords don't understand this. They are really trying, they just need a little help," Stout said.

Anyone interested in donating towels, sheets, jackets, sweatshirts and household items can drop them off at the SWE clothing drive on Nov. 6 between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. People interested in making donations after the clothing drive can contact Renitta Stout at 882-0021.

Mayor

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spur economic development. By advocating the need to increase computer technology fields at PUC, high-tech industry would be attracted to Hammond, thus providing a means for keeping residents from moving out of the area. Philpot believes that the spur of economic development will occur only as a derivative to a stable and safe community, governed by responsible leadership.

The candidates also were confronted with the issue of Hammond's public education system and low ISTEP scores.

"Parents feel disenfranchised," Robinson said. He added that school board meetings should not alienate those parents who do attend. He further believes that schools should no longer teach the Constitution as a matter of historical text, but rather as something relevant and tangible to Hammond's youth.

Philpot took somewhat of a different approach, promising that as mayor of Hammond, he would attend every public school board meeting. He believes that the office of mayor "requires accountability from the school system."

Philpot said he believes city government should be run like a business. Philpot believes that city government should "be proactive rather than reactive to tax spending." Robinson's solution on the other hand is to "cut the fed out of [city] government" and only hire city workers who perform necessary functions.

Both candidates said the Hammond Police Department is mismanaged, but their solutions for reform place them at opposite sides of the spectrum. While Philpot calls for reinstitution of professionalism and an end to political-based promotions encouraged by "good old boy politics." Robinson believes Hammond's good cops should turn in the "bad apples" or else be accused as equal perpetrators of corruption.

The Best of Stress

A survey in June of 400 people nationwide identified these as the 10 most stressful issues of the past 12 months:

1. Learning to use the Internet
2. Gun violence and kids
3. Waiting to see "Star Wars: Episode I - The Phantom Menace"
4. China stealing U.S. military secrets
5. The JonBenet Ramsey murder case
6. Michael Jordan retiring
7. Airing of NBC's final episode of "Seinfeld"
8. Hillary Clinton's potential U.S. Senate candidacy
9. Y2K
10. Plane crashes in the news

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Beware of free T-shirts

RICK PEREGOY
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Some students see sharks circling the concourse of the SFLC building, fishing for people. Others say they're not really loan sharks, just credit card companies offering free T-shirts to attract more student credit card holders.

Senior bio-tech major Stephany Mollo knows first hand the trouble that credit cards can create.

"It's an easy source of fake money and it's really easy to get over extended," she said.

She knows because she overextended her limits twice. Luckily, she said, her parents helped "to bail me out."

Now Mollo says she only uses her card for emergencies.

"After getting in trouble with it twice, I learned not to get ridiculous with it," Mollo said.

Back in 1996, the average twenty-something consumer owed $2,400 on his credit cards.

If he paid $75 a month at an interest rate of 16 percent, he would just now be paying off that 1996 debt—$750 worth of interest later.

Experts say that the younger the individual, the more likely he will fall into the credit card trap.

"There's no question that young adults are the most heavily burdened by credit card debt," Stephen Brobeck, executive director of the Consumer Federation of America, said.

To be more successful financially, students may want to keep track of things like interest and fees for. Interest is the amount of money that you are actually paying back even though you never ever actually ever received it. Some interest rates are "variable," which means that the amount of money that you have to pay back can change at the company's will.

There are certain types of fees, such as annual fees, late fees, stop payment request fees, exceeding your credit limit fees, returned cash advance fees, returned check fees and others.

Many students think credit cards can be useful if not used constantly.

"It's a good thing to have when your in a bind, but it's not good when interest rates are high or you're late on a payment, thereby incurring a late charge," pre-pharmacy major Ekeoma Igboegwu said.

She added that she thinks insurance for credit cards is a big scam.

"There is an advantage and disadvantage to having a credit card. It helps to build your credit, but it's a disadvantage to spend money that you don't have," Michaline Florek, a counselor in Student Support Services, said. "Before you have something make sure you have the money set aside for when you receive your charge bill."

While some people resort to chopping up all of their credit cards because they no longer trust themselves with the card, it might be a good idea to keep one for extreme emergencies.

Automobile lifestyle not for everyone

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The way things are going it's surprising that the image of an automobile hasn't replaced Stars and Stripes as a symbol of America.

Cars are more than our dominant means of transportation. Our car-worshipping culture equates motor vehicles with glamour, prestige, youth, power, success, individuality, and most of all, freedom. The romantic image of a *shiny automobile barreling across* an open landscape may be the only shared mythology we have left. (Never mind that these days most of the roads are in gridlock.) Millions of pounds of asphalt have been poured for highways to speed vehicular passage.

Countless acres of verdant land have been sacrificed for parking lots. As of 1996, the number of registered vehicles exceeded the number of licensed drivers: 206.3 million versus 179.5 million. As unimaginable — or un-American — as it may seem, some non-conformists have rejected the car culture.

"My whole family acts like I'm from Mars because I don't own a car," said Jerry Marcoccia, 42, a program analyst for the U.S. Department of Agriculture in Chicago.

"Buying a car is considered a rite of passage, like getting a telephone, and some people think you haven't achieved the American dream if you don't own a car."

Marcoccia, who lives in Edgewater, a neighborhood he selected for its proximity to the CTA's Red Line, eschews car ownership for economic and political-philosophical reasons.

"Cars are a luxury," he said "I'd rather save my money for my travels, my home, my dogs and my future than spend it on a car. "I also believe that cars ruin cities. They destroy the environment and farmland because of sprawl. It's a quality of life issue."

Marcoccia does accept rides in cars occasionally and has rented cars as a last resort, but he said his ambition is to hold the line against conspicuous consumption and never to own one.

Goldie Seligman, an octogenarian who lives in a Chicago high-rise, said she gets around easily without a car. "I take the bus," she said.

"I take the "L.' I walk a lot. You'd be surprised how often people say, "You took the bus??!!' They don't believe you can get around without a car. It's like you're from outer space." Seligman learned to drive late in life, after her husband died. "I passed the driving test, but I just was not happy driving," she said. "I wasn't using the car, and I got rid of it."

Steve Buchtel bicycles around suburban Markham, Ill., easily, he said, because the older suburb is built on a grid pattern with mixed-use zoning that makes the stores more accessible.

"Being carless in the suburbs is lot bigger deal than being carless in the city," he said.

Most suburbs separate residential areas from retail development and even public transportation and often don't include many sidewalks in their plans. The day Buchtel rode to court to appear as a witness after a motorist hit him highlighted another little difficulty that the carless face. He was carrying his helmet, a small air pump and a spare inner tube as he entered the courthouse. At the security checkpoint, he was told that he couldn't bring his necessities into the building.

"I said, "What am I supposed to do with them?' and they said, "Take them out to your car,'" said Buchtel, who is communications director for the Chicagoland Bicycle Federation. "I said, 'I don't have a car.' They said, 'That's not our problem.'" Buchtel wound up hiding his gear under a bush outside.

"When I left the courthouse that day. I saw other people looking for things under that same bush, like their cell phone, their pager, their Walkman. The assumption is that everyone who shows up is going to drive there." Oddly enough, not being saddled with a car offers a different kind of freedom.

"The expense, the insurance, the rude drivers, the stress of searching for parking spots and getting your car bashed in and all that are things I don't want to deal with," said Kevin Siarkowski, an advertising account executive at Conscious Choice magazine who bikes to work a few times a week during mild weather and also uses public transportation.

"And you appreciate the fact that by not buying a car you're not contributing to pollution. Less pollution, less consumption, less waste, less expenditure of energy and less time wasted looking for parking spaces."

Suellen Long, who owns a public relations business and walks to work, doesn't drive a car simply because "I'm a bad driver and driving doesn't interest me at *all. I don't think I belong on the* road." She relies on taxis and buses.

Gin Kilgore, who teaches at the University of Illinois at Chicago, prefers walking, taking public transit and bicycling because it makes her feel "more connected.

"I enjoy noticing details when I'm walking around. I enjoy the seasons. I love taking the bus and train because I see people, I talk to people and I get some work done." While riding, "I always feel very stimulated, and the exercise that I get keeps me very energized." Kilgore also mentioned "ideological" reasons for not owning a car, namely polluting exhaust and noise, the continuing destruction of green space for roads and parking lots.

"Cars also generate social alienation," she said.

For the carless, getting things done on foot, public transit or bicycle is, at best, an adventure and, at worst, inconvenient and a threat to safety.

"Going out to shop by bicycle or on the train, you learn to pack well, you learn to make your trips more efficient, you learn how to fix your bike," said Dave Glowacz, Chicago author of "Urban Bikers' Tips & Tricks" (Wordspace Press).

"You get used to anticipating potential problems or dealing with them," said Kilgore, who recently acquired a Radio Flyer wagon. Now, she said, "if I want to buy a dresser I can haul it down the street."

Most of the unpleasant aspects of living carfree are the result of autocentric urban design. For example, large box-like chain stores in the city are usually built as if they were located in a sprawling suburb. To reach them, pedestrians must face down cars, trucks, minivans and SUVs at congested intersections with short walk signals and thread through vast parking lots with those same vehicles bearing down in order to get to the front doors.

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"I've gone to the Target store on Elston Avenue," Marcoccia said. "I took a train and a bus and I walked. It's not convenient. It's designed for people with cars."

"I often find the experience of being a pedestrian unpleasant," Kilgore said. "You often don't have nice shade cover. You're dealing with the sounds and smells of traffic, waiting for traffic lights, dealing with motorists coming in and out of driveways and parking lots.

"I feel a little more up to the task when I ride my bike, although you sometimes still get the same kind of intimidation." Eric Anderson, who hadn't used his car in months and recently sold it, said he is sometimes "amused" when he shops for groceries.

"Occasionally, I forget to bring my bike messenger bag or my panniers for the rack, so I have to hang the grocery bags from my handlebar. I'll ask the bagger to use double bags and pack the groceries in two bags of equal weight, because I'm on a bicycle. But there's lack of understanding that people are going to be doing anything besides hopping in a car to take the groceries home. Frequently, I have to repack them myself."

Anderson, who recently took a job with Chicago's bicycle program, is such a committed cyclist that he and a group of friends even organize moves by bicycle using trailers.

"We've carried queen-size mattresses and box springs, couches, huge tables. It turns a trial into an adventure.

"I firmly believe that there is nothing that cannot be transported by bicycle with the proper equipment." Anderson said he is not anti-car, but subscribes to a concept he calls "appropriate usage," depending on individual circumstances.

"If you're a contractor who has to carry hundreds of pounds of tools to job sites, then obviously driving a pickup truck is going to be appropriate usage," he said.

"However, it doesn't mean that you have to use the same pickup truck to go buy groceries, rent a video or visit a friend. You can go on your bike, walk or take the CTA and limit your usage of the truck to what's appropriate."

Jerry Marcoccia, who chooses not to own a car for economic and philosophical reasons, stands at the busy intersection of Broadway and Berwyn in Chicago.

Lindsay, no 'Prize'

Arto Lindsay's newest U.S. release, 'Prize,' fails to make vocal impact

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Arto Lindsay's fourth U.S. release, "Prize," falls short of bringing any award home.

This is sad since it is the first release on Righteous Babe Records other than the label's founder, Ani DiFranco.

Not that Lindsay isn't an interesting musician. Underlying Brazilian beats and grooves is a base of folk and jazz that begins every song melodically, but eventually turns the songs, and the album, into a sleeper. This album is not for long car rides, it's for early evening naps. This isn't entirely brought on by the music however, because his instrumental variety is the only thing that saves the album.

It's his voice.

Like an eerie bedtime story, the comforting sound of his words eventually turn into a humdrum replays of themselves.

Which might stem from his intense love of poetry. Rarely do random thoughts and idea fragments flow smoothly into songs, like "Ex-Laziness," "Too weak to wake up/too lazy to sleep/I look for shade by moonlight/Everything seems to imagine/what already is/Impure distraction." Or the even more abstract, "Tone," "A room a nation/up on those lips/that curl, that pout/just don't seem fitting/legs are people too/ribbons gone cloaks off/they too have their riddles."

CD	'Prize'
Artist	Arto Lindsay
Rating	5 of 10

Arto Lindsay is not Leonard Cohen.

If it weren't for his singing, the album would be incredible—musically. Lindsay might be wiser to sing all his songs in Portuguese, like he does with six on the album. His excitement level jumps when he sings in Portuguese, even without translation it is clear that he really connects with his Brazilian roots, giving the songs a higher energy level and a funkier groove; itt's definitely more flavorful.

Lindsay's sound and style opposes DiFranco's high energy and musical playfulness. Lindsay is more experimental with instruments than DiFranco, which is perhaps her draw to the artist. I admit, Lindsay's list of collaborators is incredible, he has worked with American greats like Brian Eno and rapper Beans from the Anti-Pop Consortium and Brazilian artist Vinicius Cantuaria. So maybe I'm missing something, then again, sometimes even great musicians choose the wrong vocalist.

Arto Lindsay's album is a mixture of folk and jazz with underlying Brazilian beats.

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Horoscopes For the week of Nov. 1

Aries (March 21-April 19). This week count your winnings and figure out which games to play next. Recuperate from the weekend on Monday. Pack a lunch Tuesday and Wednesday because you won't have time to go out. Negotiate a settlement Thursday and Friday. Take care; misunderstandings will be plentiful. Figure out a way to get what you want over the weekend, with a good friend's help.

Taurus (April 20-May 20). Settle into a good partnership this week. On Monday, talk until you agree with each other. Figure out how much to pay on Tuesday and Wednesday. Get most of your letters out before Friday. Let your partner do the driving over the weekend. Figure out the agenda, too. Relax!

Gemini (May 21-June 21). This week take good care of other people, and they'll do the same for you. Learn as fast as possible on Monday. Clean house on Tuesday and Wednesday. Schedule your date for Thursday and expect complications with travel and communications Friday. This weekend could be intense. Hit a big project hard. To finish it on time, get friends to help.

Cancer (June 22-July 22). You're in a fun phase. There's not enough money, but there's plenty of love. Don't worry Monday. You'll think of a solution to your dilemma soon. By Tuesday or Wednesday, the answer should be obvious. Stay close to home Thursday and Friday. Have your date come to your house for dinner Friday night. Romance looks good over the weekend, too. Better pack the refrigerator Thursday.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22). Home and family are your dominant themes this week. Arguments prevail on Monday, however. Get it talked out by Tuesday so you can focus on financial issues then and Wednesday. Catch up on your reading Thursday. On Friday, practice something that's harder than it looks. Stay home and fix up your place over the weekend.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Monday may be difficult. Do the tough job without arguing. On Tuesday and Wednesday, start new projects, such as developing a new friendship. Ask for the money Thursday. Your life becomes more complex on Friday. You're smart over the weekend. Take on your most difficult assignment then.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). This week learn how to wheel and deal from your friends. Don't do exactly what they say; use your own judgment. Get the details right on Tuesday and Wednesday. From Thursday through the weekend, you look good. Don't let disruptions impede your creativity on Friday. An action you take should pay off by Sunday.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're in charge this week, even on Monday. Don't let a bump in the road slow you down. Rely on your friends Tuesday and Wednesday. You're pressured to perform on Thursday and Friday, so why not? You're lookin' good. Keep your secrets to yourself, however. Start new projects over the weekend.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your hopes, dreams and fears are activated this week. Travel may have to be postponed on Monday. The check may get lost in the mail, too. Get your details right on Tuesday and Wednesday, especially if you're dealing with a big company. You're popular Thursday and Friday. Don't spread yourself too thin. All will not go as planned. A religious retreat or vision quest would be perfect this weekend.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Your friends are your bane and your bounty this week. Figure out where you'll get the money on Monday so you can have fun on Tuesday or Wednesday. If you can't go in person, travel electronically. Pay attention to home and business on Thursday and Friday. Take care from Friday on; make sure your safety net is in place. Party hearty this weekend.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb 18). This year you could be successful if you apply yourself. Practice on Monday. You may find a hidden treasure Tuesday or Wednesday. It's easier for you to get what you want on Thursday and Friday. Watch for slowdowns, though. You may feel stifled over the weekend. Recommit yourself.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20). You'll learn interesting things this week. There's more to be done than possible on Monday. A partner helps you get organized Tuesday and Wednesday. Go shopping with a plan on Thursday and Friday. Travel looks good over the weekend. Near water would be best.

If You're Having a Birthday This Week ... Nov. 1: You may want to resist authority this year, but you'd be smarter to learn from it. **Nov. 2:** Let your friends lead the way to success — and to fun. **Nov. 3:** If you scratch another person's back this year, he or she will scratch yours. **Nov. 4:** Something you've kept hidden could come out, and it's about time! **Nov. 5:** A private matter had best stay that way a while longer. That may take some doing! **Nov. 6:** You're superhuman this year! Be gentle. **Nov. 7:** You may feel like you can do anything, and you may be right.

Kettle Classic scores more than game points

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Basketball season will begin with a noble cause on Nov. 3 at 6 p.m. in the PUC gymnasium. PUC is hosting the Kettle Classic, a college basketball doubleheader.

The games were announced in a press conference and luncheon held at Woodmar Country Club on Oct. 12.

"The proceeds of the income from the games will go to the Salvation Army, an international organization involved in collecting funds for welfare," John Friend, director of Fitness, Wellness and Sports at PUC, said.

The event will feature two rivals. The first is between Purdue University North Central and Indiana University South Bend at 6 p.m. PUC will play against Indiana University Northwest at 8 p.m.

"It is a nice start to a big season," Bill Crowley, athletic assistant, said. Many PUC students look at the Kettle Classic as a great opportunity to catch PUC basketball.

"The basketball games are always very exciting and it would be very nice to see our friends play and win" Alonzo Luna, a freshman in architectural engineering and technology, said.

Students planning to attend the Kettle Classic are in store for more than just basketball.

Along with the games, spectators also will have an opportunity to enjoy the Salvation Army Band, Friend said.

He added that the games will serve as a warm up to arouse interest in the people to donate.

The tickets cost $5 and are on sale in room 141 in the PER building and at the venue.

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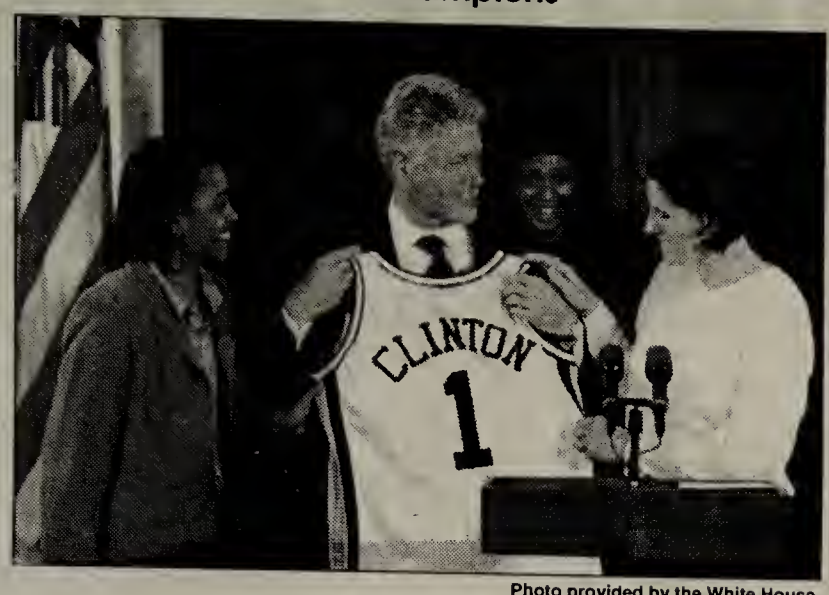
Clinton meets Purdue Champions



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President Clinton receives an honorary jersey from Purdue University's women's basketball team, named 1999 national champions. From left are: Co-Captain Ukari Figgs, President William Clinton, Co-Captain Stephanie White-McCarty, and Head Coach Caroyln Peck.

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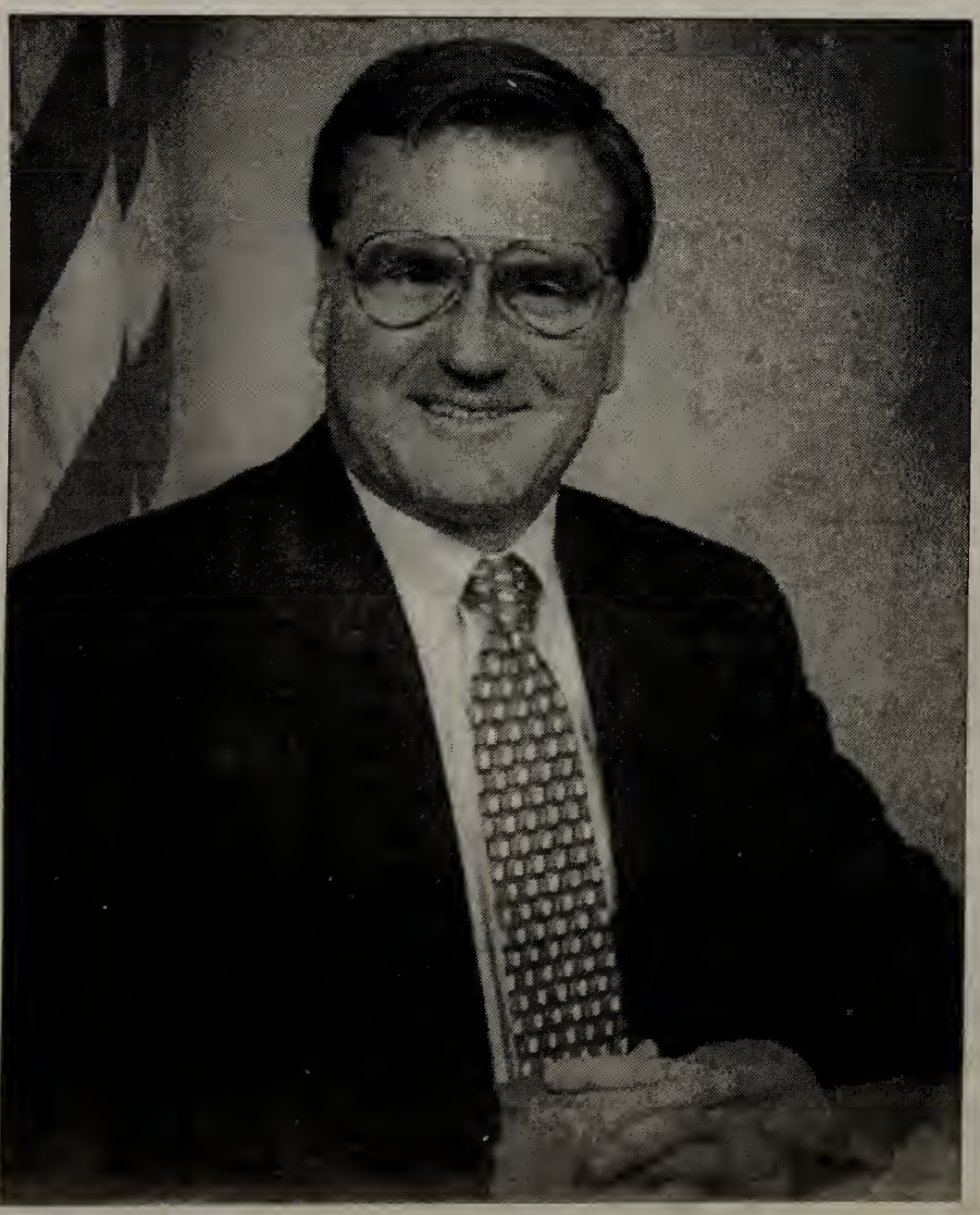

As a second generation Purdue alumnus with great respect for the quality of education and leadership provided on this campus, I want to take a moment to encourage you to vote on Election Day.

I'm asking you for your support to Keep Hammond Moving Forward by casting your vote for Duane W. Dedelow on November 2.

Working together, we have done many things to improve the quality of life in this community. Crime is down over 10%. More than $300 million has been invested in the private sector, and more than 10,000 new jobs have been created in Hammond since 1990.

I am proud to say my Administration has maintained strong ties to this University. We have been fortunate to have had access to Purdue's valuable resources, which helped us plan and achieve our goals.

Good government is a serious responsibility. With your support on Election Day, we will continue to make a positive difference in the lives of people in Hammond and keep our community moving in the right direction.

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